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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

*Examination of rodents for plague infection at Sydney and Brisbane—
Fatal plague cases at Sydney and Mackay.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from the departments of health of New South Wales and Queensland:

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney.—Week ended May 29: Rodents destroyed, 2,134; examined, 581; found infected, 3.

Two plague cases, of which 1 was fatal, occurred during the week in the persons of a carter and a clerk in a fruit store.

Week ended June 5: Rodents destroyed, 2,032; examined, 549; found infected, 1. Week ended June 12: Rodents destroyed, 1,998; examined, 477; found infected, 1. Week ended June 19: Rodents destroyed, 2,216; examined, 511; found infected, 3. Week ended June 26: Rodents destroyed, 1,962; examined, 381; found infected, 0.

Date of last plague case May 29.

Date of finding of last plague rodent June 15.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane.—Week ended June 19: Rodents destroyed, 556; examined, 439; found infected, 0. Date of finding of last plague rat September 15, 1908.

Mackay.—A fatal plague case occurred June 6. Bacteriological examination and animal inoculation positive.

AZORES.

Report from St. Michaels.—No new plague cases on islands of *Fayal* and *Terceira*.

Consul Creevey reports, July 22:

Official returns from the islands of *Fayal* and *Terceira* show no new plague cases since April 1 and June 16, respectively.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown.—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, July 24:

Week ended July 24: Bills of health issued to 8 vessels having a total of 399 passengers and 177 members of crews. Of these vessels 1 was fumigated. Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, passengers, and crew good. The sanitary condition of the port remains good. No quarantinable diseases were reported.